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THE PRIMARY IN DANGER

A Summary of Arguments Against the Handicap of Viva Voice Voting.

Sir,—There is a picture in the minds of many of some "good old time" in Virginia, or the country at large, when viva voice voting was the only method of voting; when it worked like a charm, and conferred some inestimable blessings which have taken their flight since the "degeneracy" of a secret ballot.

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free government make a greater stride than with the introduction of the secret ballot.

At the present time in Virginia it is held that the great objection to viva voce voting in our Democratic primaries is that men do not like openly to choose between their friends and neighbors competing for nominations in each locality, and that hence they are either forced to that unpleasantness or else stay away from the polls.

CLINCHES CORRUPTION.

1. Viva voce voting offers the greatest opportunities for successful bribery. The first thing which the corruptionist considers is the "delivery of the goods" and this can be certified to by the living voice of a bribed voter whose reward is the "delivery of the goods." With a secret ballot a scamp has no way of proving delivery to his purchaser. He can take the bribe and still vote his real sentiments.

IT STAMPEDES VOTERS.

2. The viva voce system lends itself admirably to all the devices of the demagogue and the manipulator of voters. At any time on election day such a "worker" can, along with the general public, know exactly how the vote stands. He can stampede the weaker voters (who may nevertheless have honest opinions of their own, and valuable to be expressed) by the "band wagon" argument. It is surprising how many good people vote simply to be on what appears to be the winning side.

IT IS NO SCHOOL OF "MANLINESS."

The advocates of "old viva voce" are fond of pointing to its alleged "manliness." They say that many brave, truthful, and honest men do not care who knows how they vote. In reply a demurrer to evidence is in order. What if it be true? Men will never be made brave by open voting, which sometimes is an opportunity for the display of courage. Towards and from the other hand, however, it is confirmed in their error and shut up to it by open voting. So that while that system does not make men brave or truthful it does make them give way to timidity and falsehood. For cannot a man lie or show cowardice with the living voice when he votes? His spoken vote is a public thing, and he is bound to yield to his conscience, and to the votes of "John Smith" as the courage of his convictions, and "don't afraid of the scoundrel element" in politics or business? Or does it show that he is "pious ridden" and bidding for the patronage of his church people against his own judgment of what is wise in government? The latter be the case, he is lying viva voce, finding under the "manly" system of open voting a cloak for his cowardice, falsehood, and other unworthiness, and is even able to pose as brave, truthful and manly. He would have had an opportunity to parade his virtues, and to merit a yield to his conscience, had he voted secretly. His real character would not have been impaired or made. With secrecy, to suppress or falsify his real convictions would be inadvisable.

For the chief end of suffrage is not to make voters brave, nor to enable them to show that they are brave, but to discover the real sentiments and will of the people for the guidance of the government. If a system of polling the voters is such that they have no conceivable motive for not expressing their will (and a system of secret voting), then it is the best possible for its momentous purpose, and no incidentals must obscure or thwart its chief end. If you believe, for instance, that jury trial is the best means of arriving at the truth, will you maintain it because it enables you to learn some law? If your voting watchdog's teeth meet in the calf of your leg, are you submissive or enthusiastic because it is good training for the dog? The policy of the State is the verdict of a jury—the people. A true verdict is the real opinion of the jury whether secretly or openly held. And that is what we must get for the State at all hazards by a system of polling, or else the State's policy becomes false and confused and the misfortune thus befalls it.

IT DRIVES OFF VOTERS.

5. Forcing the voters to vote publicly by word of mouth does not make them more independent or manly. It simply keeps too many of them away from the polls. Not the "upper" or "lower" class either. The stay-at-homes are highly respectable, worthy and intelligent, belonging to the upper and middle classes who "can't afford" or "don't care to offend." Again, too, many men known to be as brave as a lion on a battlefield are as timid as a doe at a polling booth, and timid only there. This may be strange, but observers know that it is true.

While an election viva voce carries with it a certain unimpugnableness of the count, yet effective legal provisions against a false count are far easier of attainment than effective laws against pressure, corruption, coercion and manipulation of voters, all of which can hold a torch carnival with an open vote. A fair count even, is nothing without a free ballot. Fairness of count can be guaranteed by in many ways other than by the surrender of the secret ballot, and this should be done, when it is seen that the secret ballot is an only way to a free ballot.

And now a practical question is before Virginians whether this obsolete and discarded method of viva voce voting is to be perpetuated, beyond the limits of its present offensive dismemberment, in the government of the Democratic party. The present situation is a strange anomaly. Let us see if it is not: The Democratic party is responsible for our State government through its Legislature; it was also responsible for our late Constitutional Convention. In both these spheres of its activity the party overwhelmingly rejects open voting.

Now the party government, so far as administrative methods are concerned, is supposed to be that which is best known to the people. An approximation to the actual legal government in force over the whole people it is supposed that a party will, for itself, adopt its own pattern furnished by it to the people at large. Yet our State Democratic party, by one of its agencies, is made to appear guilty of the grossest inconsistency—establishing one method of voting for the people and another for the party. The inconsistency is all the more glaring when the inferior method is applied to party elections, which in this State are widely conceded to be "the whole thing."

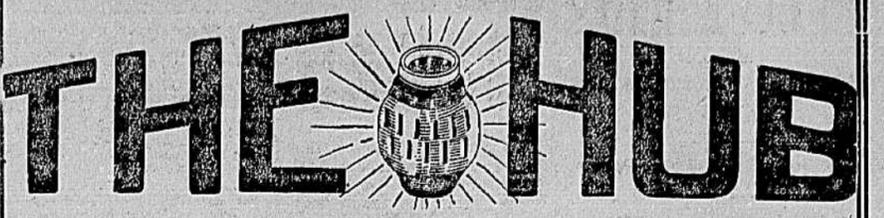
THE PARTY IN DANGER.

That the Democratic party of Virginia has shown itself anxious to have all its affairs managed with the same precision which is its rule in the wider republic of State government. Hence, in its convention it declared for primary elections. But it should be said with great emphasis that the party has never declared for the reinstatement of the repudiated method of viva voce voting—repudiated by itself in constitution-making and in law-making for the whole people. And it is now the voter who, on many an occasion, has seen the State Committee—a body of limited and delegated authority—could, when obeying a mandate of its principal in one specified matter, find any warrant for introducing new subjects and legislating upon them, rather than by the actual threats of the employer. The fear of a counter to a sentiment which happens to prevail in a particular locality, the fear of criticism, or perhaps of ostracism, are just as potent with the voter. The intimidation of abstract opinion is a real factor acting upon the voter's mind before he reaches his words or acts. One might say that a "local content" campaign to be convinced of this. It is well enough that what we call public opinion should influence, enlighten, or persuade voters, but it should never intimidate them, as it does so often, and to so much greater extent, when the ballot is an open one.

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QUEER SENATORIAL PLEDGES.

So cock-sure are the political schemers that they can kill the primary (and they know chances favor them if we elect delegates to the next convention by mass meetings as they expect)—so cock-sure are they—that they have been conditionally pledging such nominees for certain candidates for United States Senator. These nominees usually explain themselves, it is reported, as favoring A or B, but as intending to bow to the senatorial preferences of "their people" as expressed hereafter in the United States senatorial primary "if held." This is very unsatisfactory, and is big with future trouble for many. The United States senatorial primary is to be a general one, all over the State, and the members of the Legislature for any district is to vote for United States Senator just as the whole State has voted, and not simply as "his people," in his district, voted. On the latter theory a minority of the party might name the Senator but as a matter of fact big majorities in particular districts will count in the grand total, and each legislator is instructed and pledged, as are presidential electors, by the whole party in the State at large. ASCHAM.

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SCHERMING AGAINST PRIMARY.

So persistent have been the enemies of the primary (they are greatly in the minority, but influential in professional political circles) in their efforts to make unpopular, that in many places where they lead or control they have flagrantly violated all party law and the primary plan, as furnished by the State Committee, so that strife and contest might follow, so that in a general all-over be attributed to the primary system. The idea has been to make the first campaign under the plan memorable for its dimensions and irregularities on the calculation that the public will not discriminate as to the causes, but strike at everything which went together at one time. (The most remarkable violation of the primary plan has as yet passed without newspaper notice. That in many places where the primary law and the primary plan are in force, a part of the election district, by an agreement between the committees of a city and a county making up that district.) But all this clamor over a factitious thing, this holding that primary law and organization will fall, the people remember the mass meetings. They were annul-

